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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Replacement of Dischargees by Recruits

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 8 to 16 November 1951, as many as 50 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen daily arriving at, and departing from, the Altruppin (N 53/Z 49) railroad station. All these soldiers arrived from the direction of, and left toward, Neustadt. (1)
2. Twelve pontoons and 2 flatcars with engineer equipment were dispatched from the Altruppin railroad station toward Neustadt on 17 November. (2)
3. About 1,600 unarmed troops, who were about 20 years old and wore red-bordered black epaulets, arrived in Altruppin aboard a train of 47 boxcars at 6:30 a.m. on 26 November, and marched to the Fridericus Kaserne. About 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen boarding 16 boxcars at 8:30 p.m., and departing toward Neustadt. They were trained troops and NCOs. (1)
4. The following troop shipments were listed in the records of the Altruppin railroad station between 25 and 30 November:

25 November. Fifty-three boxcars with troops arrived at Altruppin via Guben and were unloaded. (1)

26 November. Nineteen boxcars with troops were dispatched from Altruppin to Doeberitz (3)

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28 November. Seven cars with troops arrived at Altruppin from Schwerin (4)

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30 November. Fourteen boxcars with troops were dispatched from Altruppin to Frankfurt/Oder-border (5) Four boxcars with troops were dispatched from Altruppin to Altengrabow.

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5. A train which passed through Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) at 10 a.m. on 17 November coming from the direction of Bernau and proceeding toward Frankfurt/Oder, consisted of eight boxcars, each of which was occupied by about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were not believed to be recruits. (6)

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6. Two T-34/85 tanks were unloaded at the Eberswalde railroad station and went to the tank repair shop on the Nagema premises on Geschwister Scholl Strasse on 19 November. (7)
7. A train which passed through Eberswalde at 9 a.m. on 20 November, coming from the direction of Bernau and proceeding toward Frankfurt/Oder, consisted of 36 boxcars, each of which carried 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were not believed to be recruits. (6)
8. A hundred trained soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen leaving the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde and boarding the Frankfurt/Oder-bound passenger train on 23 November. (6) Two officers and 84 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets arrived at Eberswalde from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder on 29 November, and marched to the Schuetzen Kaserne. (8)
9. A train consisting of 30 boxcars with military personnel was seen standing at the Zielitz railroad station on the Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) - Stendal line at 9 p.m. on 16 November. The train was headed toward Stendal. (9)
10. A train of 10 to 12 coaches occupied by officers was seen standing at the Magdeburg railroad station on 18 October, headed toward Berlin and marked as bound for Frankfurt/Oder. Other officers and some women stood at the platform and waved good-bye to the officers aboard the train. (10)
11. On 28 and 29 November, a total of about 100 unarmed soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen marching toward the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. They carried baggage. (11)

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms the replacement of discharges by recruits in the Soviet Zone of Germany during November 1951. It is believed that information on the unloading of 1,600 troops on 26 November in paragraph 3 and of 53 boxcars of troops on 25 November in paragraph 4 referred to the same process.
- (2) The engineer equipment, which was being shipped away, had probably been left near the post upon completion of field exercises.
- (3) The shipment probably consisted of the 600 soldiers mentioned in paragraph 3.
- (4) Probably discharges en route to the U.S.S.R.
- (5) Probably a shipment of discharges. the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin until 30 November 1951.
- (6) Probably discharges from the billeting area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (7) A tank repair shop on the premises of the Nagema plant was previously reported.
- (8) Probably newly arriving recruits.
- (9) The train observed at the Zielitz railroad station may have been shuttle train reported to have departed from Guben toward Falkenberg.
- (10) Probably officers who were going to the U.S.S.R.
- (11) Probably recruits who were processed for assignments in the Soviet Zone of Germany from the Eichhorn Kaserne.

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